

Washington, D.C. -- Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. stated today that he was "gratified and humbled" to receive a perfect score from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Congressman Jackson has earned a 100% grade for six years in a row on the organization's Civil Rights Legislative Report Card.

"I'm proud to receive once again an "A" from one of the most prominent and preeminent civil rights organizations in the country. In me, the NAACP has and will continue to have a strong ally and advocate in helping to advance freedom, justice and equality across America," Jackson said.

The NAACP has issued its annual Report Card since 1914. The most recent Report Card examined how Members of Congress voted on 40 legislative measures, including raising the minimum wage; making college more affordable; expanding health insurance eligibility; and preventing hate crimes.

Hilary Shelton, the Director of the NAACP's Washington Bureau, which compiles the report, added, "We are delighted that once again Congressman Jackson scored a 100 on our Civil Rights Report Card. Clearly, he continues to provide great leadership on civil rights issues in the Congress."

"During the new session of Congress, I look forward to working with the NAACP and other advocacy groups to bring the change we need to our country. We must seize this historic moment to fix our economy and put Americans to work, make our nation energy independent, provide health care for all and give every child a world-class education," Jackson concluded. -30-